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## **TWO KC DEFENDANTS INDICTED IN CRACK COCAINE CONSPIRACY**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that two defendants were indicted by a federal grand jury today for conspiring to distribute crack cocaine.

**Darrell Givens**, 32, and **Charmin Patton**, 46, both of Kansas City, were charged in a five-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Givens** and **Patton** conspired to distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine between March 30, 2004, and April 12, 2004.

Counts Two and Three of the federal indictment allege that **Givens** and **Patton** aided and abetted each other in the distribution of five grams or more of crack cocaine on March 30 and April 5, 2004.

Counts Four and Five of the federal indictment allege that **Givens** distributed five grams or more of crack cocaine on April 6 and April 12, 2004.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

The case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Matthew P. Wolesky. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

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